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In re patent application of
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Examiner: Ton, Minh Toan T.

For: ACTIVE MATRIX LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION AND
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2003, please consider the following:

REMARKS

Applicant concurrently files herewith a Petition and fee for a One-Month Extension of Time.

In response to the Examiner's Election of Species Requirement, Applicant hereby elects the species of Species I on which at least claims 7-8 are readable, without traverse. Claims 1-6, 11-13, and 18 are believed generic to all species. Applicant reserves the opportunity to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected species later.

Further, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's acknowledgment of the priority document filed on June 1, 2001.

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

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